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NORTHERN MOUNTAIN REGION AG WAGE UP 55 CENTS FROM 2009

WYOMING: The annual average wage rate for all hired labor in the Northern Mountain Region farms and ranches in 2010 was \$10.60 per hour, according to Nancy Hussey with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. The average wage was up 55 cents from the 2009 average of \$10.05 per hour. The annual average wage rate for field workers was \$10.11 in 2010, compared with \$10.45 in 2009. The combined wage rate for field and livestock workers, excluding supervisors and other workers was \$9.90 in 2010, up 20 cents from the 2009 average of \$9.70 per hour. There was an average of 22,000 hired workers during 2010, down 3,000 workers from 2009. The average number of hours worked by all hired labor in 2010 was 45.2 hours per week, compared with 45.0 hours per week a year earlier.

UNITED STATES: There were 1,157,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 10-16, 2010, up 4 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 826,000 were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 331,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.13 per hour during the October 2010 reference week, up 20 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.49 per hour, up 27 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$10.27 per hour compared with \$10.28 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.43 per hour, was up 19 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 41.7 for hired workers during the survey week, up 7 percent from a year ago.

**Farm Wage Rates by Type of Worker,
Regions and U.S., October 10-16, 2010 1/**

Region	Hired Workers			
	Type of Worker			
	Field	Lvstk	Fld & Lvstk Combined	All Hired Workers
	Dollars per hour			
Mntn I 2/	10.11	9.66	9.90	10.60
Mntn II 3/	10.91	11.01	10.95	11.95
No Plns 4/	12.26	10.79	11.70	11.93
U.S. 5/	10.49	10.27	10.43	11.13

1/ Excludes Ag Service Workers
2/ Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming
3/ Colorado, Nevada and Utah

4/ Kansas, Nebraska, North &
South Dakota
5/ Excludes Alaska